

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
WESTERN DIVISION
CASE NO. 5:21-CV-00266-M

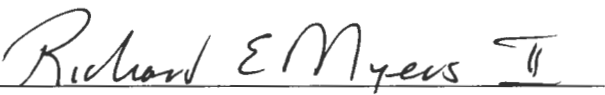
RICHARD C. BRYANT,)
Plaintiff,)
v.)
CHRISTINE E. WARMUTH, *Secretary*,)
U.S. Department of the Army,)
Defendant.)

ORDER

This matter is before the court on pro se Plaintiff's "Request to Register and to File Pleadings via the Court Electronic Case Filing (ECF) System" [DE-7]. Local Civil Rule 5.1 governs the filing and service of papers in this court. Under the subheading of "Filing Users," the rules state that "[o]nly an attorney who is registered in CM/ECF may file documents electronically." Local Civil Rule 5.1(b)(1). However, "[a] pro se party who is not incarcerated may register to be a receiving user of CM/ECF . . . but may not file electronically." Local Civil Rule 5.1(b)(2). Pursuant to the Local Civil Rules, the motion is GRANTED IN PART and DENIED IN PART. Plaintiff is allowed to be a "receiving user" of CM/ECF, assuming he complies with the registration requirements, but is not allowed to be a "filing user."

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina has developed a guide intended to help people who choose to prosecute or defend a civil case in this court without the assistance of an attorney. The Clerk of Court is DIRECTED to mail a copy of this guide, entitled "Representing Yourself in a Civil Case: A Guide for the Pro Se Litigant," to Plaintiff's attention along with the "Pro Se Consent & Registration Form to Receive Documents Electronically."

SO ORDERED this the 7th day of July, 2021.


RICHARD E. MYERS II
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE